P:2/3

NOV 0 2 2000

S/N 09/390,228

GROUP 1700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Serial No .:

OTOBA ET AL. 09/390,228

Examiner:

M. ANGEBRANNDT

Group Art Unit:

1756

Filed: Title:

SEPTEMBER 3, 1999

Docket No.:

10873.274USI1

OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, PRODUCING METHOD THEREOF AND METHOD OF RECORDING/ERASING/

REPRODUCING INFORMATION

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being faxed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 2 <sub>4</sub>2000.

Name: Douglas P. Mueller

## TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Petitioner, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., the owner of the entire right, title and interest in the present application filed on September 30,1999 by virtue of Assignment recorded at Reel 010432, Frame(s) 0867 and U.S. Patent 5,914,214, through the undersigned attorney of record, hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the above-identified application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of the patent to issue from U.S. Patent No. 5,914,214 and hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to the patent to issue from U.S. Patent No. 5,914,214, this agreement to run with any patent granted on the above-identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors, or assigns.

In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend to the full statutory term

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of the patent to issue from U.S. Patent No. 5,914,214 in the event that any such issued patent: expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321(a), has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certification, or is otherwise terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, except for the separation of legal title stated above.

For submissions on behalf of an organization (e.g. corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.), the undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the organization.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merchant & Gould P.C.

P.O. Box 2903

Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903

(612) 37**1-5**237

Douglas P. Mueller

Reg. No. 30,300

DPM/CDS

Dated North 2,200



11/02/00 15:31 **2**703 305 3602 GRP 130 **⊠**001 \*\*\* ACTIVITY REPORT \*\*\* RECEPTION OK TX/RX NO. 3007 CONNECTION TEL CONNECTION ID START TIME 11/02 15:29 USAGE TIME 01'14 PAGES RESULT OK

BEST AVAILABLE COPY